

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH in NANTUCKET

VESTRY MINUTES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

4:30 P.M.

Attending: Peter Barnes, Mark Beale, Yvette St. Jean, Lucy Leske, Martin McKerrow, Jay Riggs, Libby Tracey

Clergy: Max Wolf

On phone: Pam Goddard, Beverly Hall, Malcolm MacNab, Phil Smith, Scott Widmeyer

Absent: Lou Gennaro, Robert Inglis, Sandy Keys

Other: Curtis Barnes, Luke Thornewill, Frank Robinson

Meeting started: 4:32

OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME: Beverly Hall

April 2020 Chaplain: Libby Tracey

TREASURER'S REPORT: Martin McKerrow

Martin has accessed Dual's files, including the monthly budgets, and will arrange a group to review and archive.

We finally received the diocesan assessment and there is only a slight increase. This payment will be reflected in the January and February statements.

We have received several, (some) very generous, donations in honor of Dual; thank you notes have been written, and Penny has been notified.

Payments to Fabio will be due soon prior to the grant payments. We will need to watch these carefully.

Martin has asked Frank to take responsibility for the audit process. Peter Lamb has agreed to work with us on this. The following motion was unanimously approved: *"The Vestry authorizes the engagement of Burke & Lamb, PC, to perform their customary procedures on the Fiscal Year End 2019 financial statements and prepare a report to the Vestry of their findings, at a price not to exceed \$3,500."*

We have started the process, with diocesan approval, of changing how we structure our reports.

Sandy Keys is tracking market fluctuations and will set up a call with the committee next week to discuss the situation.

TOWER DISCUSSION: Luke Thornewill

Fabio is due to return April 1, working into June. His being here in warmer weather and being able to observe firsthand the issues created by the rain will be helpful. The specialist's consensus is that Fabio should move forward with the scheduled work. Her observing the tower in conjunction with Fabio should prove valuable. The fact that the rafters have separated from the tower is indicative of structural issues and separation, and was one of several surprising discoveries. Luke suggests that we hire Lisa to replace Brian Pfeiffer and proceed with her recommendations along with the engineer.

Frank: We need to find out if the CPC funds can potentially be diverted to tower work.

Martin: How can we justify this continued expense? *Luke:* The current tower, after the work, has a far greater stability than prior to Fabio's work. Further issues occurring could not have been anticipated without deeper analysis. We inherited a tower that was inadequately and improperly repaired in the past. It's up to us to do it properly now. We need to recognize that we might never reach one hundred per cent perfection with water leaking.

Max: We will continue to digest these reports, discuss, pray, and vote at next month's meeting how to proceed.

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE: Mark Beale

Ken Beaugrand is the chair of this committee. At the first meeting, the committee reviewed the purpose, looked at the goals and timeline, and discussed procedures.

Reflections and Meditation: Beverly Hall

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE UPDATE: Max Wolf

These are strange times that we live in. We do not want to alarm people, but we do need to exercise caution in some things and use discretion. Penny will arrange for more stringent cleaning procedures. Max invited Libby to interject; she gave a very succinct report on what has been happening in the medical community. It is good that our pledge dollars are up in this environment, as church attendance/plate offerings might be affected.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE: Peter Barnes/Pam Goddard

Currently 180 pledges and \$368,457; an increase in pledges from last year of 43 - 29 of those are new, generating \$49,510. Based on numbers I have from last year, thanks to \$207 given by committee members yesterday, we have received \$100,000 more than last year. We are basically done with the campaign but are continuing follow up one-on-one with a few parishioners. We will send a targeted

email as a final follow up.

WARDEN'S REPORT: Pam Goddard

Fair and Vendor Policy: Sharon would like to invite local, non-competitive vendors to participate in the Fair to help replace lost revenue sources. The goal would be to have vendors who do not compete with what we sell in the Gift Chalet, food tables, or at the Silent Auction who would be interesting to the public. The current policy, set in 2011, is not in line with what other organizations charge. *A motion was voted on and unanimously approved to set the vendor table rental rate at \$75.*

Libby: Sharon and Libby discussed creating a committee to oversee the Fair rather than relying on one person to do everything.

Meeting adjourned: 6:05

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Goddard, Warden, acting as clerk

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The above minutes were adopted by the Vestry on this date: _____